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"Pharma Bro" Martin Shkreli Suspended From Twitter After Harassing A Teen Vogue Writer

"He's an entitled creep and absolutely deserves to have his account suspended —perhaps indefinitely," writer Lauren Duca said.

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This is journalist Lauren Duca.

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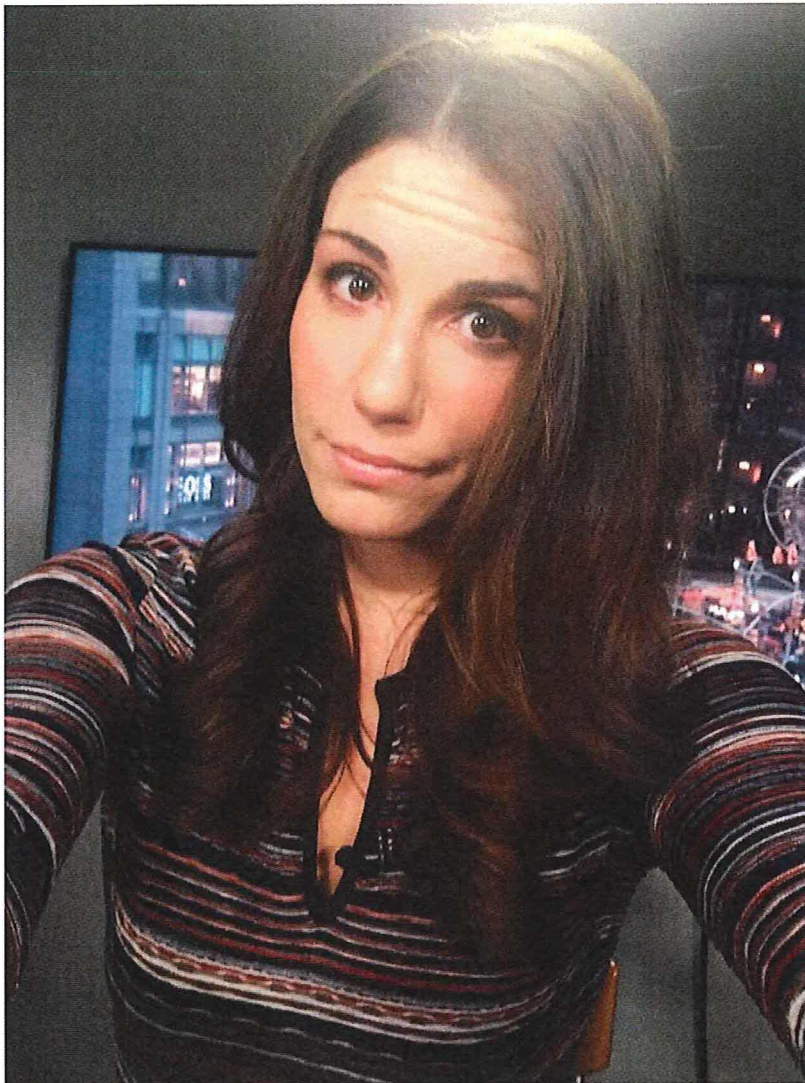
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Last month, Duca had a massive viral hit when she penned a [Teen Vogue opinion piece](#) that argued Donald Trump had conned the American public.

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Lauren Duca
FEB 19, 2016 11:40 AM EST

The CIA officially determined that Russia intervened in our election, and President-elect Donald Trump dismissed the story as if it were a piece of fake news. "These are the same people that said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction," **his transition team wrote in a statement**. "The election ended a long time ago in one of the biggest Electoral College victories in history. It's now time to move on and 'Make America Great Again!'"

It wasn't one of the biggest Electoral College victories in history, so presumably that's another red-herring lie to distract from Trump treating the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States like it is some rogue blogger to be cast to the trolls. A foreign government's interference in our election is a threat to our freedom, and the President-elect's attempt to undermine the American people's access to that information undermines the very foundation upon which this country was built. It's also nothing new.

teenvogue.com

This is Martin Shkreli, a former pharmaceutical executive who earned widespread scorn for hiking the price of a lifesaving drug before he was charged in 2015 with fraud.



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Shkreli has routinely voiced his support for Donald Trump to his almost 200,000 Twitter followers.

Duca told BuzzFeed News on Sunday that she has never met Shkreli, but that he has recently been tweeting about trying to date her.

"He has been harassing me for a while. It's an ongoing thing," she said. "He's been actively tweeting about dating me."



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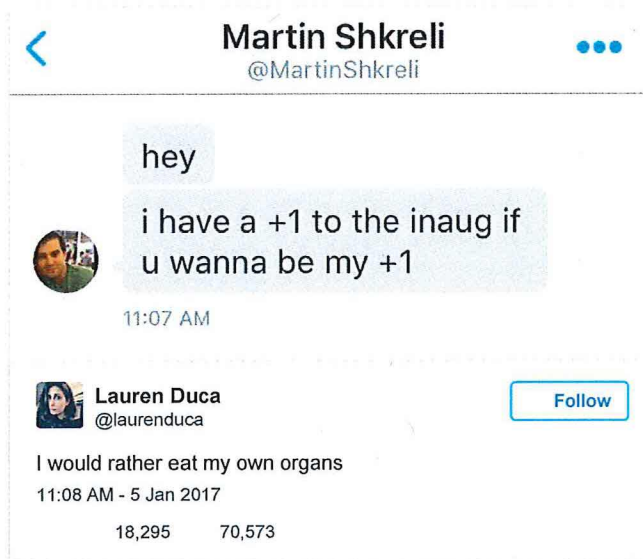


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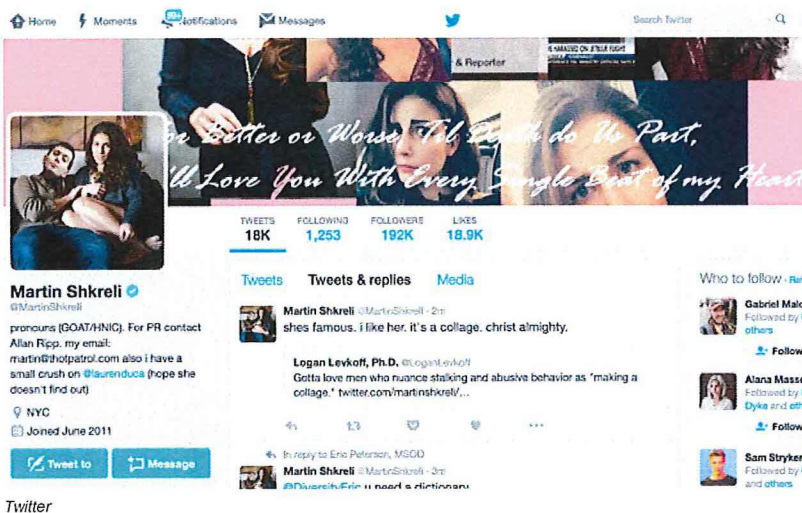


"I don't know if he's encouraging people to do this, but there's been a small contingent of trolls telling me to sleep with him — but not that politely," she said.

On Thursday, Shkreli contacted Duca via direct message and asked her to accompany him to Trump's inauguration. "I saw that as an act of trolling, so I didn't see the need to respect his privacy," she said of her decision to share his message with her Twitter followers.



On Sunday, Duca said she noticed that Shkreli had altered his profile to include a collage of photos of her, along with the words, "For Better or Worse, Til Death do Us Part, I'll Love You With Every Single Beat of my Heart."



Twitter

He also changed his Twitter profile picture to an image of Duca and her husband, but with his face photoshopped over her spouse.



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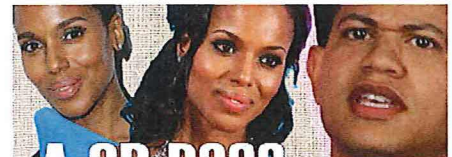
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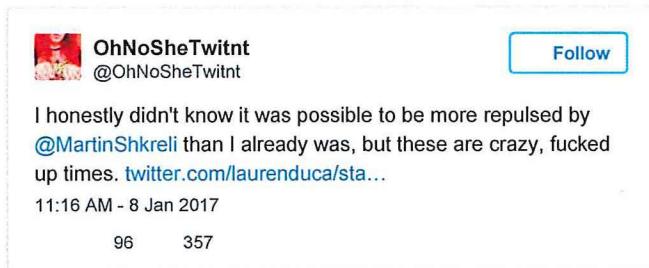
Duca said she was "disturbed" when she saw the images, which she said are from Google, Twitter, and Facebook.

"I don't know how could this could possibly be allowed because this is an act of targeted harassment," she said. "I know Twitter is struggling to figure out what makes the most sense [with its user guidelines]...but this is an entire profile dedicated to upsetting me."

Duca tweeted the pictures out on Sunday, asking Twitter founder and CEO Jack Dorsey why Shkreli's actions were permissible on the social network.



The tweet soon went viral, prompting strong reactions from Duca's supporters.



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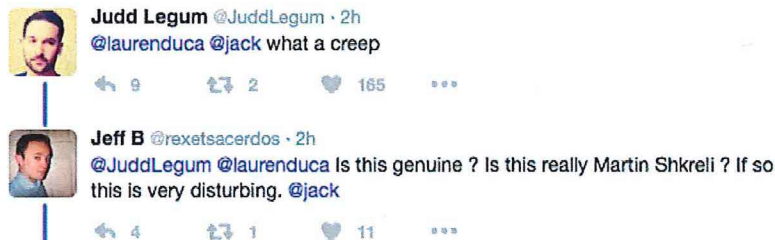


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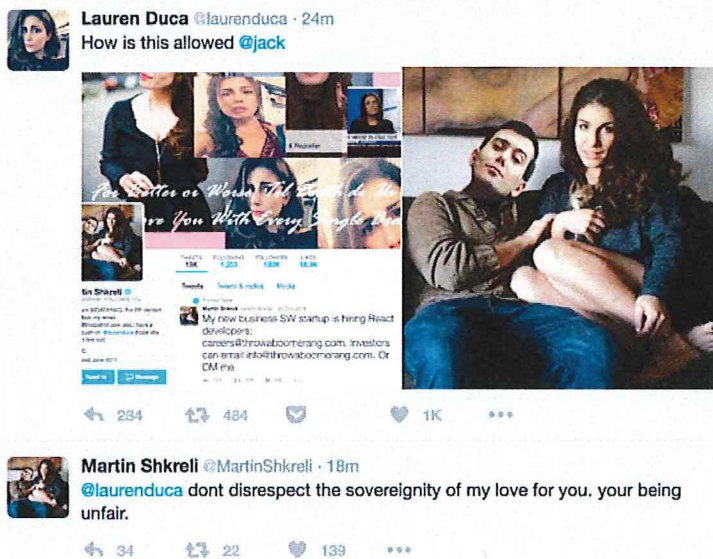


Twitter



Twitter

Shkreli then replied directly to Duca's tweet, writing, "dont [*sic*] disrespect the sovereignty of my love for you. your [*sic*] being unfair."



Twitter

In a series of tweets, he also defended his actions as a simple "collage."



Martin Shkreli
@MartinShkreli



Follow

i made a collage. what?!

Logan Levkoff, Ph.D. @LoganLevkoff

This is atrocious, @jack. Must be fixed. And time to kick off @MartinShkreli for abusive online behavior. [twitter.com/laurenduca/sta...](https://twitter.com/laurenduca/status/811111111111111111)

RETWEETS
15

LIKES
53



Twitter



Martin Shkreli
@MartinShkreli



Follow

shes famous. i like her. it's a collage. christ almighty.

Logan Levkoff, Ph.D. @LoganLevkoff

Gotta love men who nuance stalking and abusive behavior as "making a collage."
[twitter.com/martinshkreli/...](https://twitter.com/martinshkreli/status/811111111111111111)

RETWEETS
4

LIKES
37



11:19 AM - 8 Jan 2017

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Twitter



Martin Shkreli
@MartinShkreli



Follow

why? after she was on tucker carlson i admired here resolve. if she doesnt like me back she can just block me or have her friend tell me
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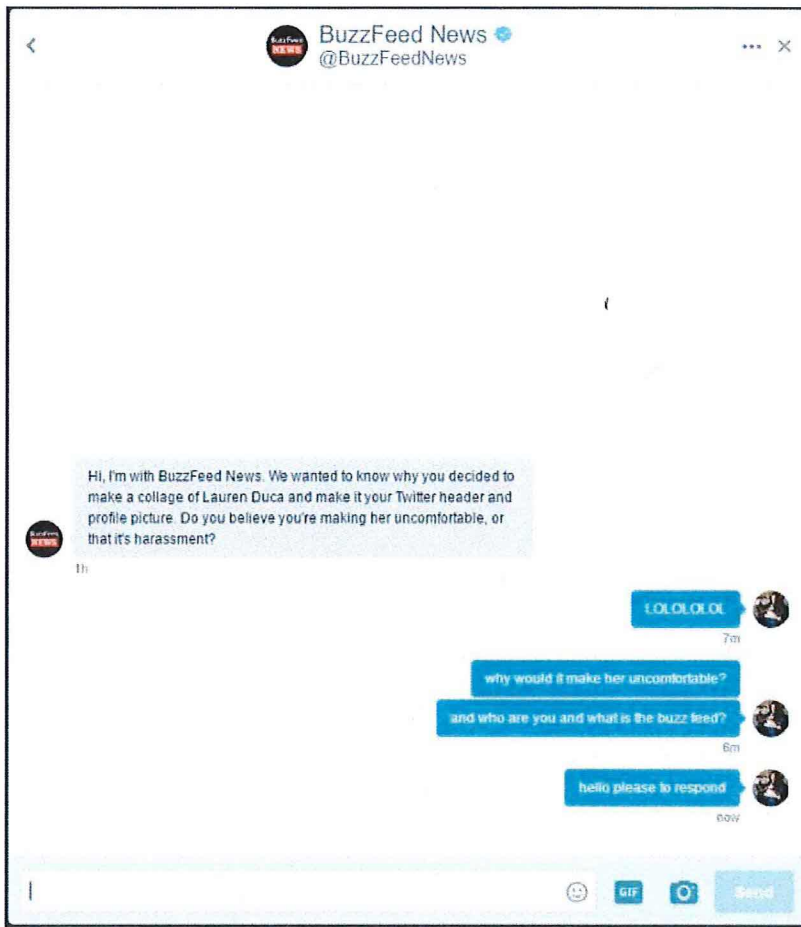
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Twitter



Twitter

BuzzFeed News contacted Shkreli on Twitter, but he then **tweeted out** the exchange with the words, "And also what is the buzzing feed."



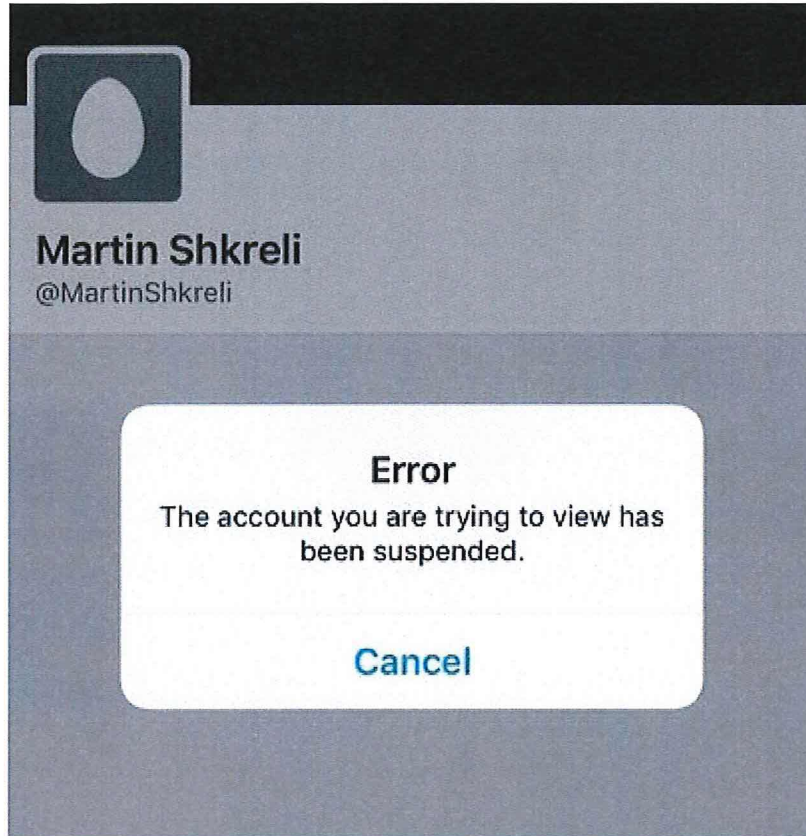
Twitter

Twitter representatives did not immediately respond to requests for comment on whether Shkreli's actions constituted harassment.



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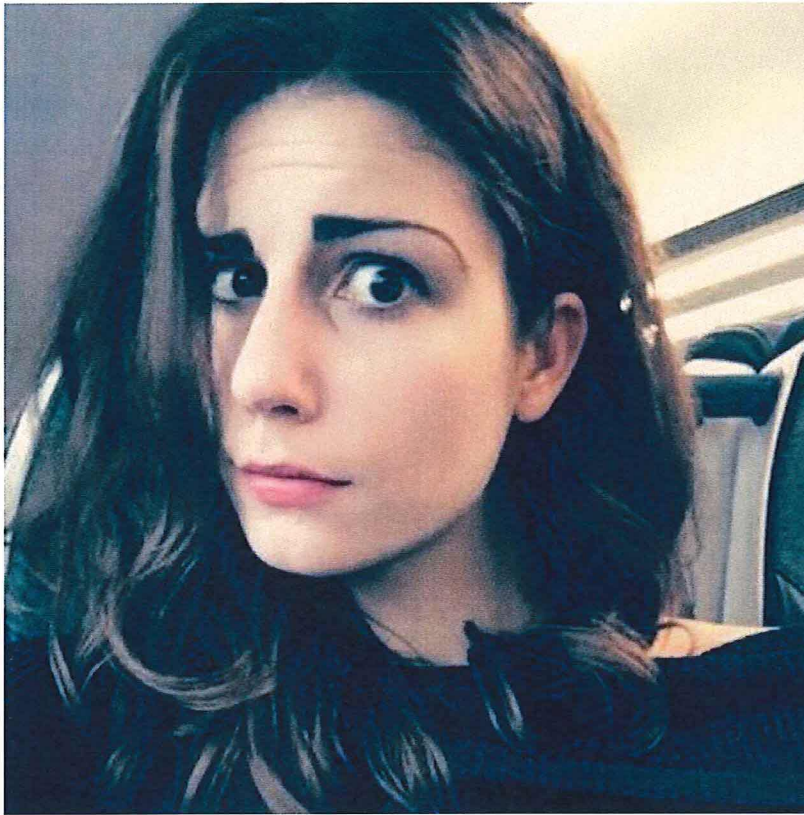
However, after BuzzFeed News first contacted Twitter, Shkreli's account was subsequently suspended from the network.



Twitter

A company spokesperson then told BuzzFeed News, "The Twitter Rules prohibit targeted harassment, and we will take action on accounts violating those policies."

BuzzFeed News then informed Duca that Shkreli's account had been suspended, to which she responded: "He's an entitled creep and absolutely deserves to have his account suspended—perhaps indefinitely."



Lauren Duca/Twitter

"I think Martin should know that under no circumstances would I touch him with a 10-foot pole," she said. "It has nothing to do with Donald Trump, but with the fact that he has committed an act of pharmaceutical terrorism."

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